GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Lion Reserves
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Lion reserves in the country along with the population of Lions therein, reserve and State-wise;
(b) the number of animals including Lions and Tigers killed due to hunting/poaching in the forest areas of the country during the last three years and the current year, species and State-wise;
(c) whether the Government has allocated/released funds for the protection of wildlife including Lions and Tigers during the said period; and
(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a)Asiatic Lions are found only in Gir forests of Gujarat. Total number of lions in Gir forest as per the last census carried out in 2015 was estimated as 523.

(b)As per information available with the Ministry, there is no case of death of lions due to poaching in Gujarat. Details of elephants and tigers killed due to hunting/poaching during last three years and the current year is given in the Annexure-I. Cases of poaching of other wild animals are not collated in the Ministry.

(c)&(d) Financial and technical assistance is provided to the State/UT Governments for protection of wildlife including lions and tigers and their habitats under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of 'Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats', 'Project Tiger' and 'Project Elephant'. Details of funds during the last three years and the current year under these Schemes are given in the Annexure −II.

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